

## **Evidence of What's Next in Hades**

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#### **1. The word Sheol in the Old Testament is closely connected with death.**

**Psalms 89:48**, *“What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?”*

**Isaiah 28:15**, *“We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have made a pact.”*

#### **2. The word Hades in the New Testament is closely connected with death**

**Luke 16:23**, *“In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.”*

**Revelation 1:17-18**, *“Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”*

**Revelation 20:14**, *“Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.”*

#### **3. A euphemism for death in the O.T. is, “to be gathered to one’s fathers and people”**

**Genesis 25:8-9**, *“Abraham breathed his last and died a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he was gathered to his people. Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah.”*

**Numbers 24:14**, *“I am going to my people.”*

**Deuteronomy 32:48-50**, *“The Lord spoke to Moses, “Go up to Mount Nebo... Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.”*

**1 Samuel 28:7**, *“Saul said to his servants, “Seek for me a woman who is a medium.” His servants said, “There is a woman who is a medium at Endor.”*

**1 Samuel 28:11-13**, *“The woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” And Saul said, “Bring up Samuel for me.” When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, “I see a divine being coming up out of the earth.”*

#### **4. Sheol and Hades are not references to Hell**

**Sheol:** the realm of the dead, a gathering place of the dead

**Hades:** the netherworld, the realm of the dead, also a gathering place of the dead

**Hell:** the eternal place of punishment of fire and brimstone for unrepentant sinful souls

**Luke 16:19-31**, *“Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. <sup>20</sup> And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. <sup>22</sup> Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and \*saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> But Abraham \*said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ <sup>31</sup> But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”*

**Abraham explains two key rules of Hades:**

- 1. There is a fixed chasm between a place known as Abraham’s bosom and a place known as torment**
- 2. No one can cross from one side to the other**

**5. Hades is the place where all disembodied spirits and all the dead remain waiting until the Resurrection day**

**6. We are escorted to Hades by angels**

**Luke 23:43**, *“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”*

**Titus 3:5-7**, *“God saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”*